

War on Terrorism Overview and Update

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21st Century Security Environment

"The gravest danger to freedom lies at the crossroads of radicalism and technology."

2002 NSS

Wider Range of Adversaries



bin Laden



Mohammed Atta



Kim Jung Il

State and Non-state Actors

WMD



Rogue State Armies



Ballistic Missiles



GPS Communications

Technology Diffusion & Access

More Complex & Distributed Battlespace

High Intensity Combat



Insurgency & Unconventional Warfare



Terrorism

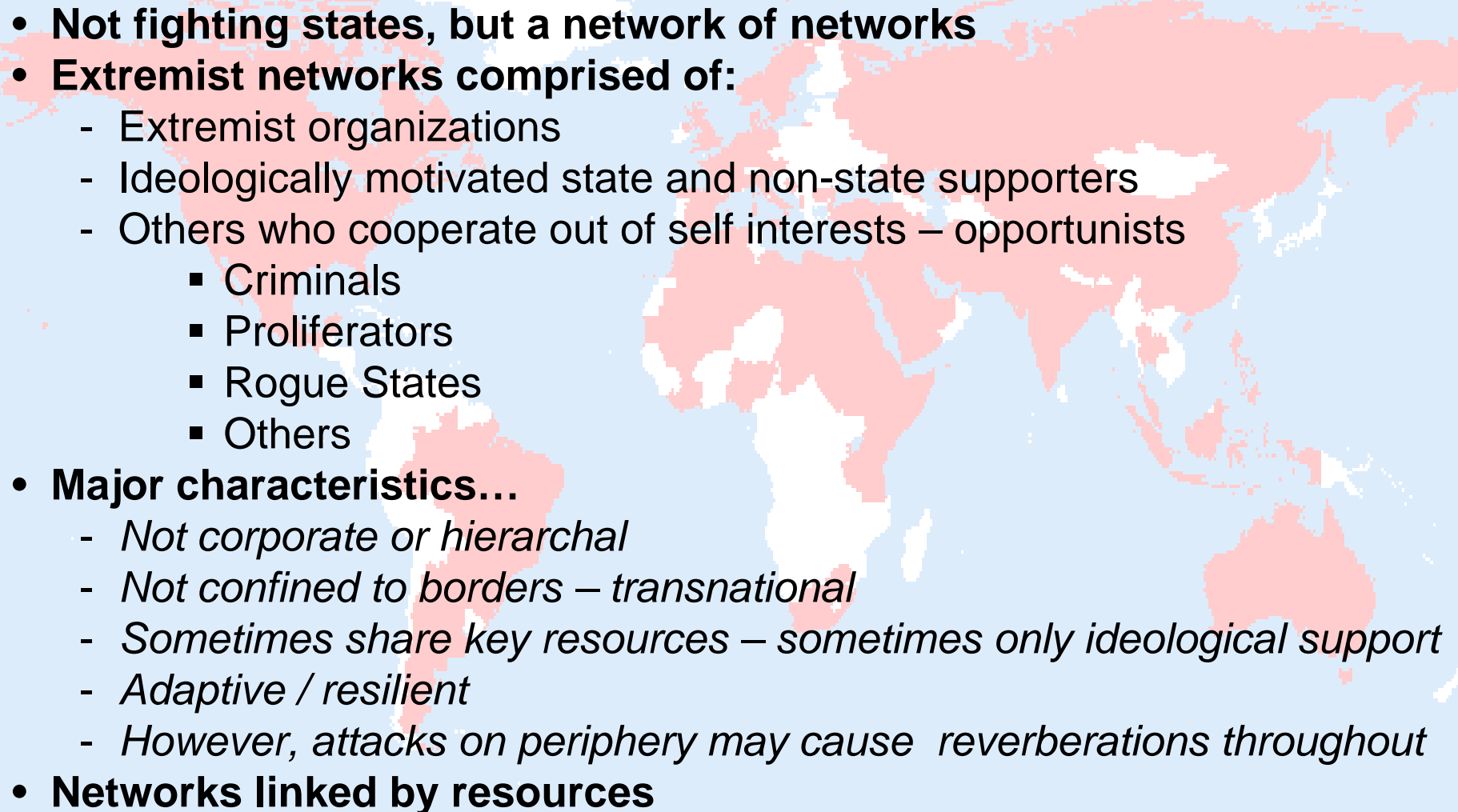


Computer Network Attack



Full spectrum capabilities required

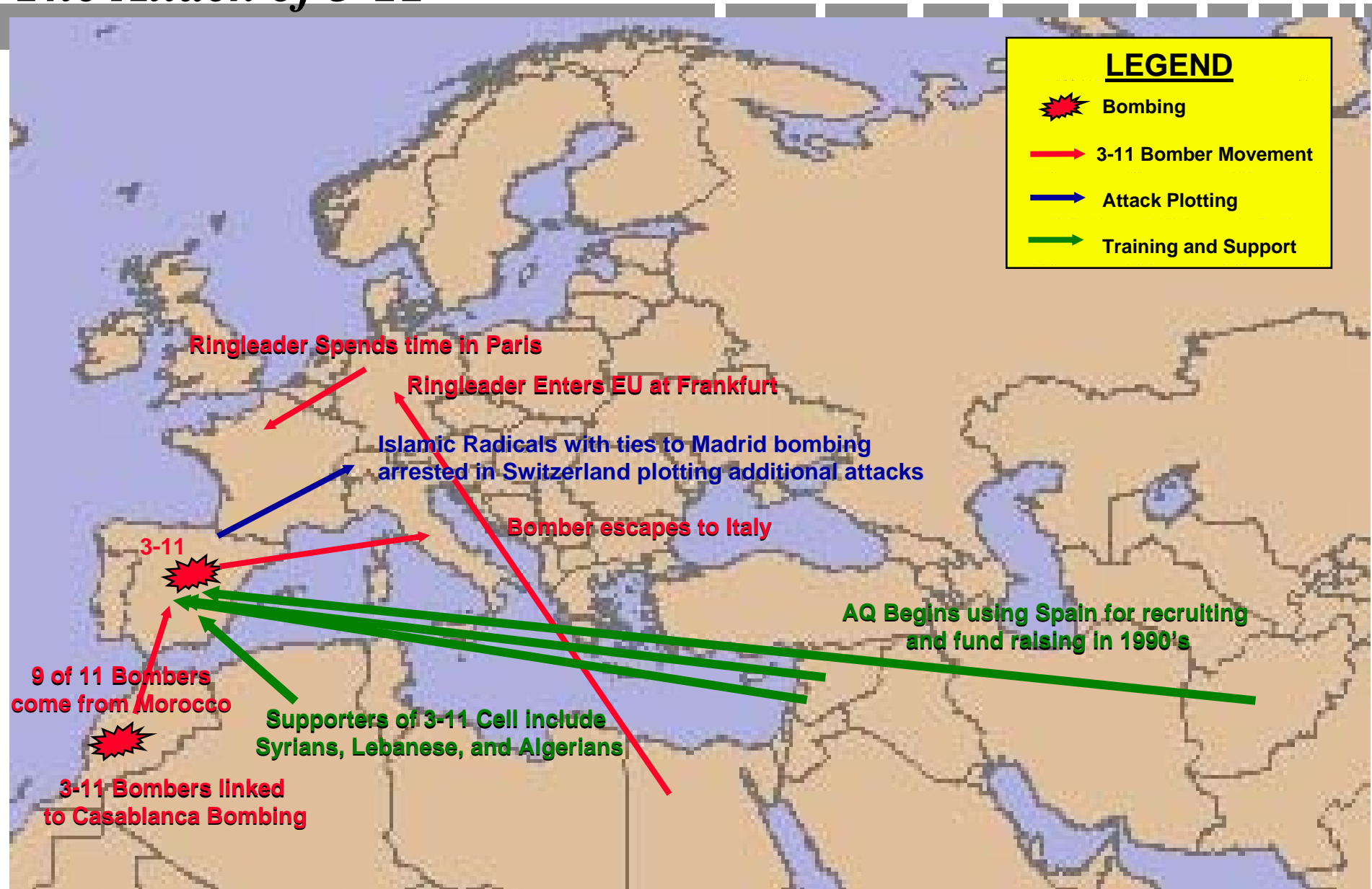
Linkages – A Network of Networks

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- **Not fighting states, but a network of networks**
 - **Extremist networks comprised of:**
 - Extremist organizations
 - Ideologically motivated state and non-state supporters
 - Others who cooperate out of self interests – opportunists
 - Criminals
 - Proliferators
 - Rogue States
 - Others
 - **Major characteristics...**
 - *Not corporate or hierarchal*
 - *Not confined to borders – transnational*
 - *Sometimes share key resources – sometimes only ideological support*
 - *Adaptive / resilient*
 - *However, attacks on periphery may cause reverberations throughout*
 - **Networks linked by resources**

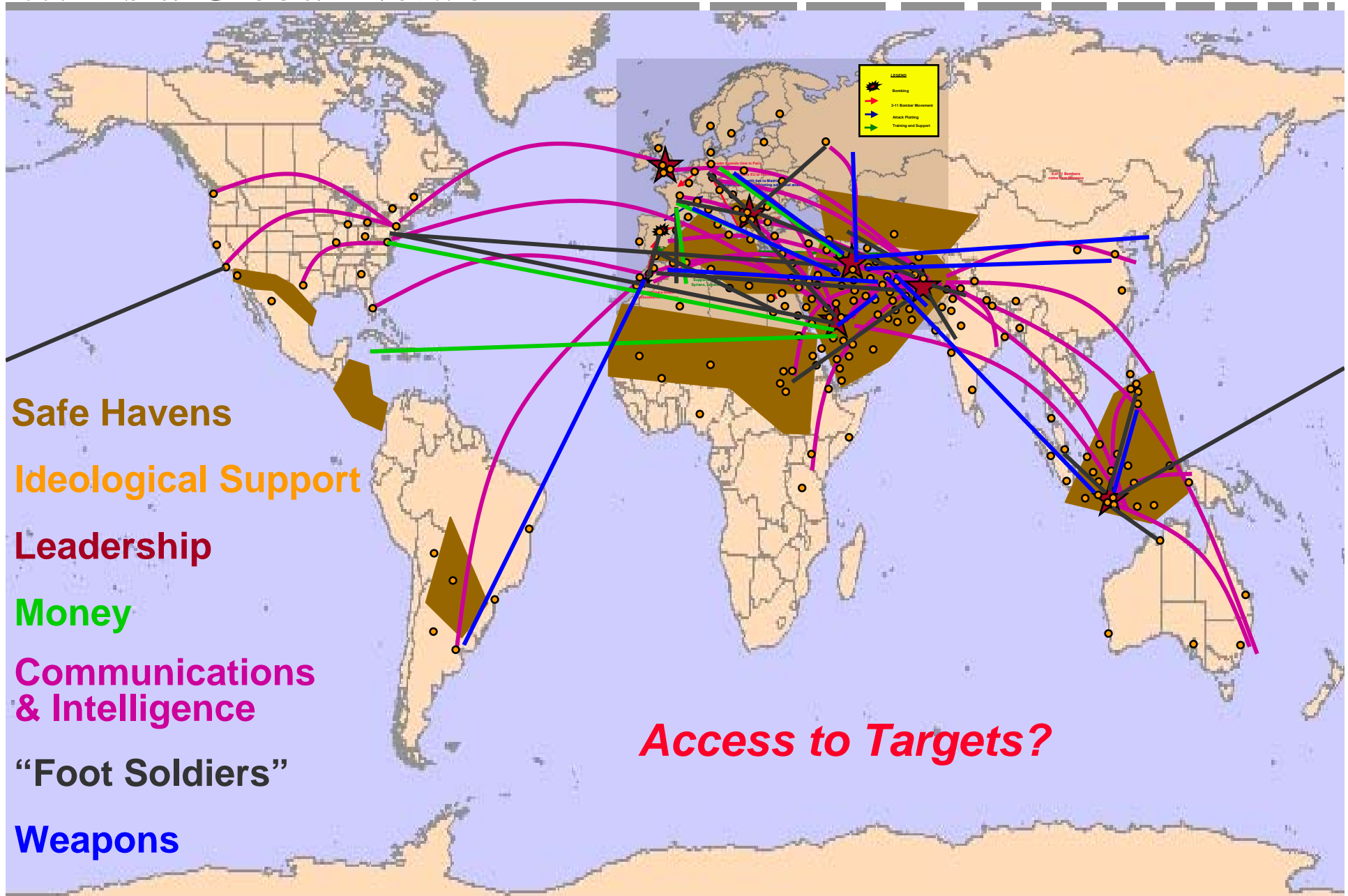
What Resources Do Islamic Extremists Need to Achieve These Goals?

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- **Safe Havens**
 - **Ideological Support**
 - **Leadership**
 - **Money**
 - **Communications and Intelligence**
 - **“Foot Soldiers”**
 - **Weapons**
 - **Access to Targets**

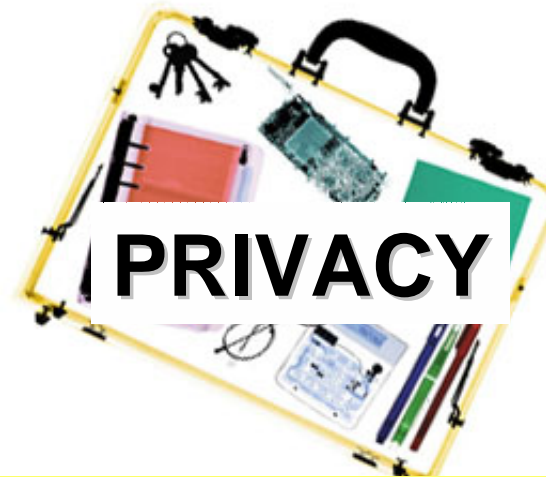
The Attack of 3-11



...It's a Global Network



What's at Stake?



**CIVIL
LIBERTY**



**CHILDREN'S
FUTURE**



Preserve the way of life of free and open societies, while denying terrorist networks what they need to operate and survive.

National Strategy for the GWOT

Ends

Overall Goal: Preserve and promote the way of life of free and open societies based on the rule of law, defeat terrorist extremism as a threat to that way of life, and create a global environment inhospitable to terrorist extremists.

Ways

Protect the Homeland

Disrupt and Attack Terrorist Networks

Counter Ideological Support for Terrorism

Help create and lead a broad international effort to deny terrorist networks the resources they need to operate and survive.

Means

USG Strategic Elements

National Military Strategic Framework 2005 NMSP-WOT

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Ways

Military Strategic Objectives

Protect the Homeland,
Allies, and Interests

Disrupt and Attack
Terrorist Networks

Counter Ideological
Support for Terrorism

Deny terrorists the resources they need to operate and survive.

(resources: leadership, foot soldiers, safe havens, weapons, funds, comms and movement, access to targets, and ideological support)

Enable partner nations to counter terrorism.

Deny WMD/E proliferation, recover and eliminate uncontrolled materials, and maintain capacity for consequence mgmt.

Defeat terrorists and their organizations.

Counter state and non-state support for terrorism in coordination with other U.S. Government agencies and partner nations.

Establish conditions that counter ideological support for terrorism.

Means

Combatant Commands, Services, and Combat Support Agencies

Instruments of National Power



- **DIPLOMATIC**
- **INTELLIGENCE**
 - **MILITARY**
 - **ECONOMIC**
 - **FINANCIAL**
- **INFORMATIONAL**
- **LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Source: National Strategy for Combating Terrorism -- NSC